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SUBJECT: GOK VOTES ON KOREA RESOLUTIONS

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1. IN LAST DITCH ATTEMPT TO CHANGE KENYAN VOTE ON KOREAN ISSUE FROM ABSTENTION TO US RES, I WENT DIRECTLY, AGAIN, TO MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WAIYAKI. IN HALF-HOUR TELCON WITH WAIYAKI WHO ON SICK LEAVE IN MOMBASA, I OBTAINED MORE UNDERSTANDABLE EXPLANATION THAN HERETOFORE OF KENYAN REASONING ON KOREAN ISSUE. WAIYAKI EXPLAINED THAT GOK HAD CHANGED ITS INTENDED ORIGINAL POSITION TO VOTE AGAINST US RES TO ABSTENTION VOTE PURELY QUOTE IN DEFERENCE TO US UNQUOTE AND NOT AS FAVOR TO ROK. IN DOING SO, WAIYAKI STATED, GOK WAS QUOTE STICKING ITS NECK OUT MORE UNQUOTE. GOK HAS BEEN UNDER CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE (AS RECENTLY AS 13 NOVEMBER) TO ACCEPT VISIT BY NORTH KOREANS NOW IN KAMPALA AND AND FOR MISSION TO BE SET UP IN NAIROBI. WAIYAKI MADE POINT THAT GOK HAS RELATIONS WITH BOTH KOREAS, BUT HAS DENIED ESTABLISHMENT OF MISSION IN NAIROBI BY NORTH KOREA TO DATE. NORTH KOREANS ALREADY ANGERED BY KENYAN ABSTENTION, BUT WOULD BE FURIOUS IF KENYA WERE TO VOTE FOR US RES. CHINESE HAVE BROUGHT PRESSURE ON GOK RE SUPPORT FOR NORTH KOREA AND GOK ABSTENTION ON KOREAN ISSUE WILL ANNOY CHINESE. NORTH KOREA ARGUES THAT SOUTH KOREA NEVER PART OF ARMISTICE AGREEMENT. FURTHERMORE, KENYA DOES NOT WISH TO BE PLACED IN A MINORITY SITUATION VIS A VIS  
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AFRICA OVER KOREAN ISSUE. FINALLY, WAIYAKI ADDED THAT GOK IS

WORRIED ABOUT SUPPORT FOR THEIR CANDIDATE (NOTE: CANDIDATE IS FOREIGN MINISTER'S BROTHER) TO INTERNATIONAL COURT IN HAGUE: THAT GOK HAS FAILED TO OBTAIN SUPPORT FROM WESTERN COUNTRIES: THAT, SHOULD GOK VOTE IN FAVOR US RES ON KOREA, GOK WOULD BE CRITICIZED FOR BEING LET DOWN BY WEST ON INTERNATIONAL COURT VOTE, WHILE NEVERTHELESS SUPPORTING US RES. ON KOREA. WAIYAKI PARTICULARLY CRITICIZED NIGERIA FOR OFFERING TWO CANDIDATES, AND WEST'S SUPPORTING CANDIDATE QUOTE OUT OF TIME UNQUOTE. WAIYAKI COMMENTED THAT VOTE ON INTERNATIONAL COURT CANDIDATE WAS TO KENYA WHAT KOREAN VOTE WAS TO US.

2. HAVING PRESENTED THESE NEGATIVE ARGUMENTS, WAIYAKI NEVERTHELESS VOLUNTEERED TO TELEPHONE MINISTER OF STATE (IN PRESIDENT'S OFFICE) KOINANGE SATURDAY MORNING, 15 NOVEMBER, TO INFORM HIM VOTE EXPECTED 18 NOVEMBER, TO TRANSMIT POINTS I REITERATED IN FAVOR OF GOK VOTING FOR US RES. AND AGAINST NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION, AND TO ASK KOINANGE TO TAKE MATTER UP WITH PRESIDENT KENYATTA. I SUGGESTED THAT IF KOINANGE FELT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL I WOULD BE PLEASED TO GO TO NAKURU TO SEE KENYATTA.

3. COMMENT: HOWEVER TWO-TONGUED WAIYAKI MAY HAVE BEEN ON ISSUE IN PAST, SOME OF HIS REASONING (EXCEPT FOR ICJ CANDIDATE) MAKES SENSE FROM KENYAN SIDE. WHAT HAS BECOME CLEAR, HOWEVER, IS WISH TO STEER CLEAR OF NORTH KOREAN AND CHINESE CRITICISM WHILE AT SAME TIME PLEASING US. ABSTENTION APPEARS TO WAIYAKI TO BE SAFEST CHOICE. WAIYAKI'S WILLINGNESS TO PURSUE MATTER FURTHER MAY WELL BE JUST PLACATING TALK. REF APPRECIATED AND MAY BE DRAWN UPON IF FURTHER CONTACT DEVELOPS WITH KOINANGE - OR KENYATTA.  
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